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## **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESPONSE TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ROBERT HOOVER WILL REMAIN AS UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO PRESIDENT**

State Board of Education President Blake Hall read the following statement at the Governor's press conference held this afternoon.

"I speak for all members of the State Board of Education in saying that we are thrilled that Dr. Hoover has decided to stay at the University of Idaho. Members of the Board met with Dr. Hoover earlier this week in hopes that he would continue to lead the University, and we are very pleased to learn that he has decided to do just that.

Replacing a university president is always a difficult process. This is especially true when the transition involves a CEO of the caliber of Dr. Hoover. The Board will inevitably go through this process when Dr. Hoover does choose to leave and we know he will be extremely difficult to replace. However, for now, we are quite relieved to know that we will not have to replace this fine administrator anytime soon.

Dr. Hoover has been instrumental in numerous initiatives that have not only served to better the University of Idaho, but that have also created improved higher education opportunities throughout the state of Idaho. Under his leadership, a spirit of collaboration has resulted in making University of Idaho offerings available throughout the state. The addition of Idaho Place in Boise will expand access to essential educational opportunities even further. We are pleased that Dr. Hoover will be here to lead these efforts to completion.

Dr. Hoover is a true educational leader, not only in Idaho, but also throughout the nation. I cannot emphasize enough how fortunate we are to have him at the University of Idaho."